



English 10R



Mrs. Marcincuk

Welcome back to school. This year, students are going to read great short stories, poems, plays, and novels together as a class and on their own. Our work in this class will help prepare students for the Regents exam they will take at the end of their junior year.

Texts: The class texts we **will** address are:

- ❖ Macbeth, William Shakespeare
- ❖ Animal Farm, George Orwell

Other works we may address are:

- ❖ Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury
- ❖ Night, Elie Wiesel
- ❖ A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier, Ishmael Beah
- ❖ Maus I: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History, Art Spiegelman

Homework: Homework is vital to comprehension. Homework assignments are posted on the daily agenda slide which outlines the class activities for the day.

Breakdown of assignments in English 10R:

(All assignment grades will be totaled to achieve the interim and end of quarter grades.)

Major papers/projects

Tests

Quizzes

Homework

Journals/Notebooks

Class participation

At the end of the school year, students will take a final exam which will be calculated as 20% of their overall final average.

Article of the Week (AoW): At the beginning of each week, an Article of the Week, or AoW, will be assigned. It is due by the end of that week. If a student loses their AoW, I expect them to visit www.kellygallagher.org/article-of-the-week and print the article. I will not hand out additional copies of the AoW.

Reading Minute: At the beginning of each class period, a piece of interesting reading is shared with the class. This sharing takes a minute or less and the only follow-up assignment is that students need to write a one sentence only summary or reflection on what they listened to. For the first month of school, I will conduct the Reading Minute; after Columbus Day, students will sign up for and will need to be prepared to conduct their own Reading Minutes.

Independent Reading: Each semester students will be responsible for reading one book independent of the text we are reading in class. This is a free-choice book. Students will be responsible for completing a project based on their independent reading also.

Research project: One quarter students will be working on a historical fiction research project. Students will individually choose a historical fiction novel and then research the historical accuracy of the novel. We will be working in conjunction with the Library Media Specialist during much of the research process.

Academic Integrity Policy: Please review the school's Academic Integrity Policy outlined on the high school library's website or on pages 15-19 of the Student Agenda.

Participation: This is a portion of the class grade. In order to participate, students need to be prepared for class by completing homework and by bringing all materials to class each day. Students will also lose participation points by coming late to class without a pass, using their phone during class, putting their head down during class.

Resources: A tremendous resource has been added to BSHS. We now have a Writer's Guide available to all students in all grades across all subjects! You can find this in the student agenda on pages 19-26 or on the BSHS library's website.

PSAT: The PSAT will be given to every 10th grader at BSHS free of charge on Wednesday, October 11. Speak with your child's guidance counselor for more information.

Academic Integrity: Please read through the Ballston Spa High School Academic Integrity Policy. You can find this in the student agenda on pages 15-19 or on the BSHS library's website.

After school: If students plan to stay after school, I ask them to please make arrangements with me **prior** to the day they wish to stay after.

Passes: As per Ballston Spa High School policy, no student passes will be issued in the last five (5) minutes of class and not after 2:05 pm. Passes will only be signed in the student agenda. Students must sign in/out when leaving and returning to the classroom.

Electronic Devices: As per Ballston Spa High School policy, inappropriate use of electronic devices is not permitted. This includes devices brought to school as part of the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative. If students are using cell phones during class, they will lose participation points.

Materials:

- ❖ Three ring binder or folder for handouts.
- ❖ 1 subject notebook. This is will remain in the classroom.
- ❖ Loose-leaf paper.
- ❖ Writing utensils.
- ❖ Text we are studying and an independent reading book.
- ❖ Agenda.

Regents Exam: Students take the New York State Regents Exam in English after 11th grade.

Thank you so much. I look forward to a successful and productive year.

